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SUBJECT: BUILDING MOMENTUM BEHIND REWARDS FOR JUSTICE

REF: A. MANILA 1614

B. MANILA 1773

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for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (U) Action request: To build momentum behind the Rewards for Justice (RFJ) program in the Philippines (as recommended in ref a), we urge the inter-agency committee led by DS to publicize specific payout amounts and to adopt an expedited rewards approval process for the capture of the following terrorists:

Dulmatin	Up to \$10 million
Khadaffy Janjalani	Up to \$5 million
Abu Solaiman	Up to \$5 million
Isnilon Hapilon	Up to \$1 million

Justification

¶2. (C) The Armed Forces of the Philippines -- backed by training from PACOM, operational advice from JSTOF-P, and intelligence from the USG -- has over the past six months engaged in an intensified manhunt for the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) terrorist Dulmatin -- who, as one of the masterminds of the Bali bombing, is directly responsible for the deaths of seven US citizens -- and Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) leaders Khadaffy Janjalani, Abu Solaiman, and Isnilon Hapilon, who are responsible for the kidnapping of at least three American citizens and subsequent beheading of one, as well as the Superferry bombing in 2004 and the 2005 Valentine's Day bombings in the Philippines. On at least four occasions in the past six months, AFP units came close to capturing these terrorists, most recently April 15-16 (ref b). Philippine Army contacts on the Coordinating Committee for the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) have indicated privately to poloffs that elements of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) -- motivated by the prospects of a reward -- may be ready to handover Dulmatin and Janjalani.

¶3. (C) Intelligence reporting on these high-value targets is steadily improving, and publicizing RFJ now will probably accelerate the flow -- and step up the pressure on these killers as they plot their next attacks. DoD Rewards and RFJ payouts in 2004 and the ongoing DoD Rewards advertising program have already had an impact. Currently, RFJ does not specify individual amounts for the ASG leaders on its list, and omits Dulmatin completely. Public awareness of the specific reward amount for each of the ASG leaders and Dulmatin, backed by the USG's ability to pay such rewards quickly, can help bring these terrorists to justice.

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